

CLAIMS

1. (Previously presented) An elongate receiver tube for a trailer hitch assembly comprising:

a hollow elongate tube having an internal rectangular cross-section and having a first end adapted to receive a trailer hitch bar having a complimentary outer rectangular cross-section, the first end of said tube having an integral reinforcement construction wherein the first end of said tube is provided with an outwardly extending fold formed of substantially two thicknesses of the tube, wherein the outermost end portions are folded against one another by a cold forming process to form a peripheral outwardly extending fold at the first end of said tube, the fold having an inner dimension which is substantially the same as an inner dimension of said tube and an outer dimension greater than an outer dimension of said tube, wherein the fold has a rounded outer surface.

2. (Previously presented) The receiver tube according to Claim 1, wherein the fold has a flat face spaced from the first end of said tube formed against an outer wall of the clamp.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Previously presented) An elongate receiver tube for a trailer hitch assembly comprising:

a hollow elongate tube having an internal rectangular cross-section and an external rectangular cross-section, said tube having a first end adapted to receive a trailer hitch bar having a complimentary outer rectangular cross-section to be slidably received in the internal rectangular cross-section of said tube, the first end of said tube having an outwardly extending flange portion formed by a cold forming process, the flange provided with an outwardly extending fold formed of substantially two thicknesses of the tube, the flange portion having an inner dimension which is substantially the same as an inner dimension of said tube and an outer dimension greater than an outer dimension of said tube, wherein the flange portion has an orbicular outer surface.

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously presented) An elongate receiver tube for a trailer hitch assembly comprising:

a hollow elongate tube having an internal rectangular cross-section and an external rectangular cross-section, said tube having a first end adapted to receive a trailer hitch bar having a complimentary outer rectangular cross-section to be slidably received in the internal rectangular cross-section of said tube, the first end of said tube having a fold with a protuberant outer surface, the fold formed by a cold forming process, the fold formed of substantially two thicknesses of the tube, the flange portion having an inner dimension which is substantially the same as an inner dimension of said tube and an outer dimension greater than an outer dimension of said tube.

7. (Original) The receiver tube according to Claim 6, wherein a side of the fold facing away from the first end has a flat face formed against a wall of the clamping structure, the wall being external of the clamping structure.